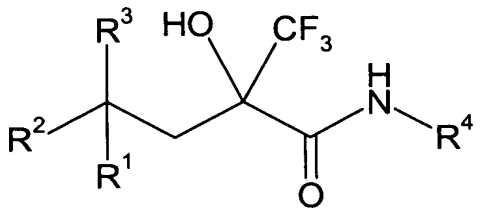
CLAIMS

We Claim:

1. A compound having the following Formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

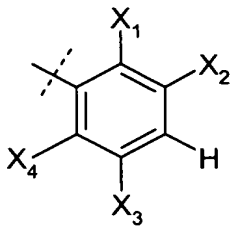
R^1 is an aryl or heteroaryl group, each optionally independently substituted with one to three substituent groups,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is independently C_1-C_5 alkyl, C_2-C_5 alkenyl, C_2-C_5 alkynyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, aryl, C_1-C_5 alkoxy, aryloxy, C_1-C_5 alkanoyl, aroyl, C_1-C_5 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_5 alkanoyloxy, aminocarbonyloxy, C_1-C_5 alkylaminocarbonyloxy, C_1-C_5 dialkylaminocarbonyloxy, aminocarbonyl, C_1-C_5 alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1-C_5 dialkylaminocarbonyl, C_1-C_5 alkanoylamino, C_1-C_5 alkoxycarbonylamino, C_1-C_5 alkylsulfonylamino, C_1-C_5 alkylaminosulfonyl, C_1-C_5 dialkylaminosulfonyl, halogen, hydroxy, carboxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, amino wherein the nitrogen atom is optionally independently mono- or di-substituted by C_1-C_5 alkyl or aryl; or ureido wherein either nitrogen atom is optionally independently substituted with C_1-C_5 alkyl; or C_1-C_5 alkylthio wherein the sulfur atom is optionally oxidized to a sulfoxide or sulfone,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is optionally independently substituted with one to three substituent groups selected from methyl, halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, trifluoromethyl, and amino;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently hydrogen or C_1-C_5 alkyl, or R^2 and R^3 together with the carbon atom they are commonly attached to form a C_3-C_8 spiro cycloalkyl ring;

R^4 is an optionally substituted phenyl of the following formula:



wherein X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 are each independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkylthio wherein the sulfur atom is optionally oxidized to a sulfoxide or sulfone, C_{1-5} alkanoyl, C_{1-5} alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-5} acyloxy, C_{1-5} alkanoylamino, C_{1-5} carbamoyloxy, urea, aryl and amino wherein the nitrogen atom may be independently mono- or di-substutited by C_{1-5} alkyl, and wherein said aryl group is optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy or C_{1-5} alkoxy groups, and wherein either nitrogen atom of the urea group may be independently susbstituted by C_{1-5} alkyl;

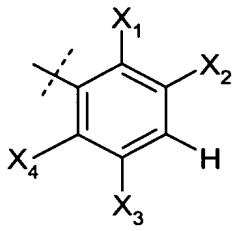
or R^4 is an aromatic 5- to 7-membered monocyclic ring having from one to four heteroatoms in the ring independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur,
optionally independently substituted with one to three substituent groups selected from: hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkylthio wherein the sulfur atom is optionally oxidized to a sulfoxide or sulfone, C_{1-5} alkanoyl, C_{1-5} alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-5} acyloxy, C_{1-5} alkanoylamino, C_{1-5} carbamoyloxy, urea, aryl and amino wherein the nitrogen atom may be independently mono- or di-substutited by C_{1-5} alkyl, and wherein said aryl group is optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy or C_{1-5} alkoxy groups, and wherein either nitrogen atom of the urea group may be independently susbstituted by C_{1-5} alkyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

2. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1, R^2 and R^3 are as defined in claim 1; and

R^4 is an optionally substituted phenyl of the following formula:



wherein X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 are each independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkylthio wherein the sulfur atom is optionally oxidized to a sulfoxide or sulfone, C_{1-5} alkanoyl, C_{1-5} alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-5} acyloxy, C_{1-5} alkanoylamino, C_{1-5} carbamoyloxy, urea, aryl and amino wherein the nitrogen atom may be independently mono- or di-substutited by C_{1-5} alkyl, and wherein said aryl group is optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy or C_{1-5} alkoxy groups, and wherein either nitrogen atom of the urea group may be independently susbstituted by C_{1-5} alkyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

3 A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, indenyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroquinolinyl, dihydroisoquinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl, or benzothienyl, each optionally independently substituted with one to three substituent groups,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is independently C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_2-C_3 alkenyl, C_2-C_3 alkynyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkanoyl, C_1-C_3 alkanoylamino, halogen,

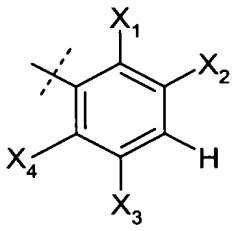
hydroxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, amino wherein the nitrogen atom is optionally independently mono- or di-substituted by C_1-C_3 alkyl; or C_1-C_3 alkylthio wherein the sulfur atom is optionally oxidized to a sulfoxide or sulfone,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is optionally independently substituted with one to three substituent groups selected from methyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, trifluoromethyl, and amino;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently C_1-C_3 alkyl, or R^2 and R^3 together with the carbon atom they are commonly attached to form a C_3-C_6 spiro cycloalkyl ring;

and

R^4 is an optionally substituted phenyl of the following formula:



wherein X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 are each independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-5} alkyl and C_{1-5} alkoxy;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

4. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

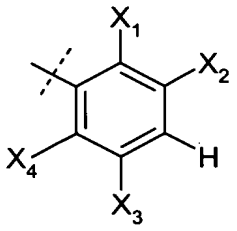
R^1 is phenyl, pyridyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, or benzofuranyl, each optionally independently substituted with one or two substituent groups,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is independently methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, or cyano;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently methyl, or R^2 and R^3 together with the carbon atom they are commonly attached to form a spiro cyclopropyl ring;

and

R^4 is an optionally substituted phenyl of the following formula:



wherein X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 are each independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, methyl, methoxy and trifluoromethyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

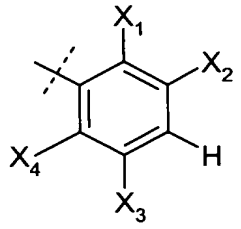
5. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl substituted with one or two substituent groups,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is independently methoxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo or hydroxy;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^4 is an optionally substituted phenyl of the following formula:



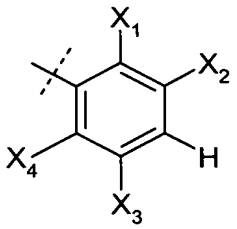
wherein X_1 and X_4 are each hydrogen, and X_2 and X_3 are each independently selected from halogen, methyl and trifluoromethyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

6. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl substituted with a methoxy group and a fluoro, or is a phenyl substituted with a hydroxy group and a fluoro,

R^2 and R^3 are each independently methyl;
and
R^4 is an optionally substituted phenyl of the following formula:



wherein X_1 and X_4 are each hydrogen, and X_2 and X_3 are each independently selected from halogen and methyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

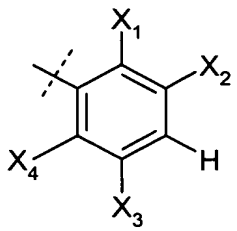
7. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl substituted with one or two substituent groups,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is independently methoxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo or hydroxy;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^4 is an optionally substituted phenyl of the following formula:



wherein:

(I) X_2 and X_4 are each hydrogen, and X_1 and X_3 are each independently selected from halogen, methyl and trifluoromethyl;

or (II) X_3 and X_4 are each hydrogen, and X_1 and X_2 are each independently selected from halogen, methyl and trifluoromethyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

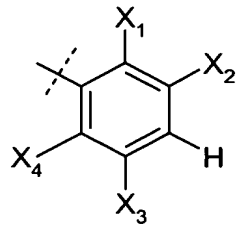
8. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl substituted with a methoxy group and a fluoro, or is a phenyl substituted with a hydroxy group and a fluoro,

R^2 and R^3 are each independently methyl;

and

R^4 is an optionally substituted phenyl of the following formula:



wherein:

(I) X_2 and X_4 are each hydrogen, and X_1 and X_3 are each independently selected from halogen and methyl;

or (II) X_3 and X_4 are each hydrogen, and X_1 and X_2 are each independently selected from halogen and methyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

9. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:
R^1, R^2 and R^3 are as defined in claim 1; and

R^4 is an aromatic 5- to 7-membered monocyclic ring having from one to four heteroatoms in the ring independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, optionally independently substituted with one to three substituent groups selected from: hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkylthio wherein the sulfur atom is optionally oxidized to a sulfoxide or sulfone, C_{1-5} alkanoyl, C_{1-5} alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-5} acyloxy, C_{1-5} alkanoylamino, C_{1-5} carbamoyloxy, urea, aryl and amino wherein the nitrogen atom may be independently mono- or di-substutited by C_{1-5} alkyl, and wherein said aryl group is optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy or C_{1-5} alkoxy groups, and wherein either nitrogen atom of the urea group may be independently susbstituted by C_{1-5} alkyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

10. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, indenyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroquinolinyl, dihydroisoquinolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl,

indolyl, benzofuranyl, or benzothienyl, each optionally independently substituted with one to three substituent groups,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is independently C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_2-C_3 alkenyl, C_2-C_3 alkynyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, C_1-C_3 alkanoyl, C_1-C_3 alkanoylamino, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, amino wherein the nitrogen atom is optionally independently mono- or di-substituted by C_1-C_3 alkyl; or C_1-C_3 alkylthio wherein the sulfur atom is optionally oxidized to a sulfoxide or sulfone,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is optionally independently substituted with one to three substituent groups selected from methyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, trifluoromethyl, and amino;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently C_1-C_3 alkyl, or R^2 and R^3 together with the carbon atom they are commonly attached to form a C_3-C_6 spiro cycloalkyl ring;

and

R^4 is a heteroaryl group selected from: pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl and pyrazinyl, each optionally independently substituted by one to three substituent groups selected from: hydrogen, halogen, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy; and phenyl optionally substituted by one or more hydroxy or methoxy groups;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

11. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl, pyridyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, or benzofuranyl, each optionally independently substituted with one or two substituent groups,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is independently methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, or cyano;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently methyl, or R^2 and R^3 together with the carbon atom they are commonly attached to form a spiro cyclopropyl ring;

and

R^4 is a heteroaryl group selected from: oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyridinyl, and pyrimidinyl, each optionally independently substituted by one to three substituent groups selected from: halogen, methyl, methoxy and trifluoromethyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

12. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl substituted with one or two substituent groups,

wherein each substituent group of R^1 is independently methoxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo or hydroxy;

R^2 and R^3 are each independently C_1-C_3 alkyl; and

R^4 is a heteroaryl group selected from: pyridinyl and pyrimidinyl, each independently substituted by one to three substituent groups selected from: halogen, methyl and trifluoromethyl;

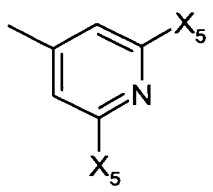
or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

13. A compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl substituted with a methoxy group and a fluoro, or is a phenyl substituted with a hydroxy group and a fluoro,

R^2 and R^3 are each independently methyl; and

R^4 is a heteroaryl group selected from the following groups: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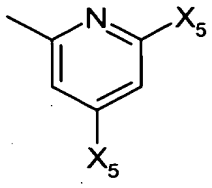
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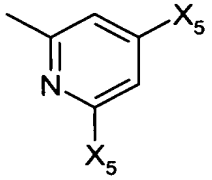
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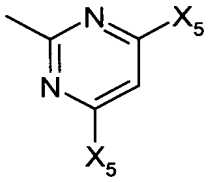
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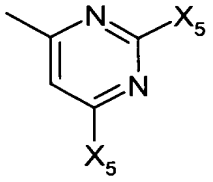
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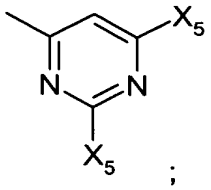
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wherein X_5 is a halogen or methyl;

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

14. A compound selected from:

4-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2-amino-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2-acetylamino-phenyl)-amide,

2-Hydroxy-4-methyl-4-phenyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid phenylamide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid pyridin-3-ylamide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (5-methyl-isoxazol-3-yl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3-methoxy-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid pyrimidin-4-ylamide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid phenylamide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid phenylamide,

2-Benzyloxy-4-(5-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid [4-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-thiazol-2-yl]-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid [4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-thiazol-2-yl]-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid [4-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-thiazol-2-yl]-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid [4-(2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-thiazol-2-yl]-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid [1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-ylamide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-dichloro-phenyl)-amide,

6-[4-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoylamino]-nicotinic acid methyl ester,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3-chloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-dihydroxy-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2-chloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,6-dichloro-pyrimidin-4-yl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,6-dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,3-dichloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,5-dichloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3-bromo-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (4,6-dichloro-pyrimidin-2-yl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid biphenyl-3-ylamide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3-fluoro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-dibromo-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3, 5-dimethyl-phenyl)-amide,

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

15. A compound selected from:

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-dichloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3-chloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2-chloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,6-dichloro-pyrimidin-4-yl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,6-dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,3-dichloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (2,5-

dichloro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3-bromo-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-amide,

4-(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-pentanoic acid (3,5-dibromo-phenyl)-amide,

or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.

17. A method of modulating the glucocorticoid receptor function in a patient, the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable compound according to claim 1, or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

18. A method of treating a disease-state or condition mediated by the glucocorticoid receptor function in a patient in need of such treatment, the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable compound according to claim 1, or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

19. A method of treating a disease-state or condition selected from: type II diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular diseases, hypertension, arteriosclerosis, neurological diseases, adrenal and pituitary tumors, and glaucoma, in a patient in need of such treatment, the

method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable compound according to claim 1, or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

20. A method of treating a disease characterized by inflammatory, allergic, or proliferative processes, in a patient in need of such treatment, the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable compound according to claim 1, or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof.

21. The method according to claim 20, wherein the disease is selected from: (i) lung diseases; (ii) rheumatic diseases or autoimmune diseases or joint diseases; (iii) allergic diseases; (iv) vasculitis diseases; (v) dermatological diseases; (vi) renal diseases; (vii) hepatic diseases; (viii) gastrointestinal diseases; (ix) proctological diseases; (x) eye diseases; (xi) diseases of the ear, nose, and throat (ENT) area; (xii) neurological diseases; (xiii) blood diseases; (xiv) tumor diseases; (xv) endocrine diseases; (xvi) organ and tissue transplantations and graft-versus-host diseases; (xvii) severe states of shock; (xviii) substitution therapy; and (xix) pain of inflammatory genesis.

22. The method according to claim 21, wherein the disease is selected from: type I diabetes, osteoarthritis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, restenosis following percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, Alzheimer disease, acute and chronic pain, atherosclerosis, reperfusion injury, bone resorption diseases, congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction, thermal injury, multiple organ injury secondary to trauma, acute purulent meningitis, necrotizing enterocolitis, and syndromes associated with hemodialysis, leukopheresis, and granulocyte transfusion.

23. A method of treating a disease-state or condition mediated by the glucocorticoid receptor function in a patient in need of such treatment, the method comprising sequentially or simultaneously administering to the patient: (a) an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable compound according to claim 1 or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof; and (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable glucocorticoid.

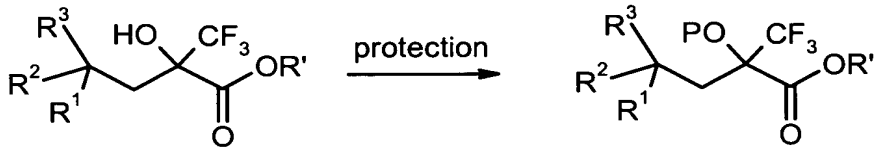
24. A kit for the *in vitro* diagnostic determination of the glucocorticoid receptor function in a sample, comprising:

(a) a diagnostically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 or a tautomer, prodrug, solvate, or salt thereof; and

(b) instructions for use of the diagnostic kit.

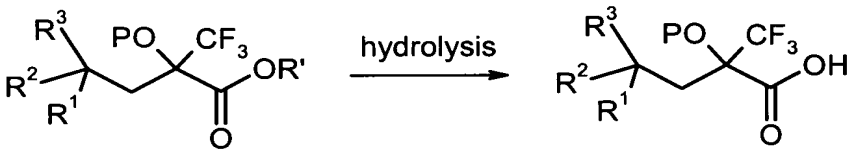
25. A method of making a compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, said method comprising:

(a) protecting the hydroxyl group of the compound of Formula (II) to provide the compound of formula (VII) wherein P is a hydroxyl protecting group:



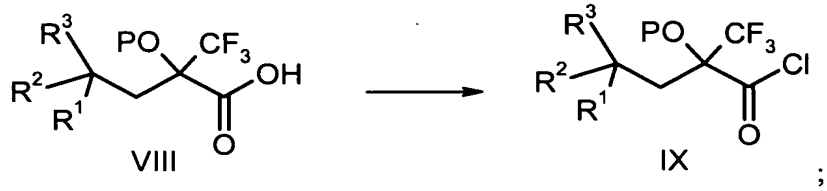
II VII ;

(b) hydrolyzing the ester group of the compound of Formula (VII) to provide the compound of Formula (VIII):



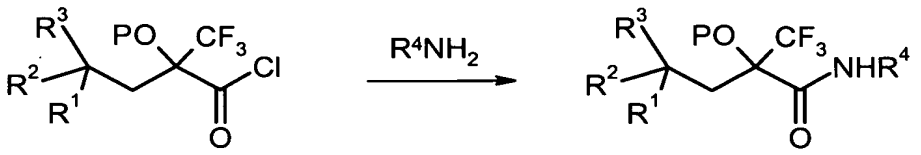
VII VIII ;

(c) converting the compound of Formula (VIII) to the acid chloride of Formula (IX) by reacting Formula (VIII) with a suitable chlorinating agent:



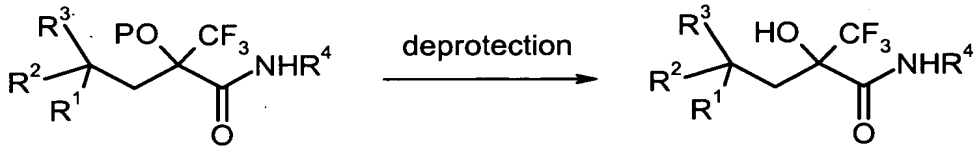
VIII IX ;

(d) reacting the compound of Formula (IX) with the amine compound R^4NH_2 in the presence of a suitable base to provide the compound of Formula (X):



IX X ; and

(e) deprotecting the hydroxyl group in the compound of Formula (X) to provide the compound of Formula (I):

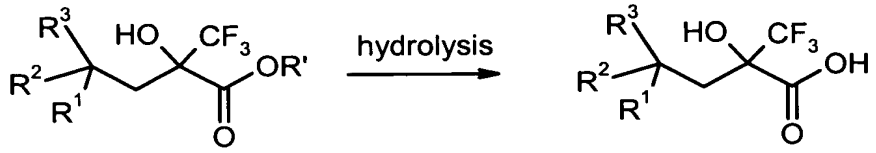


X I ;

wherein R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are as defined in claim 1, and R' is methyl or ethyl.

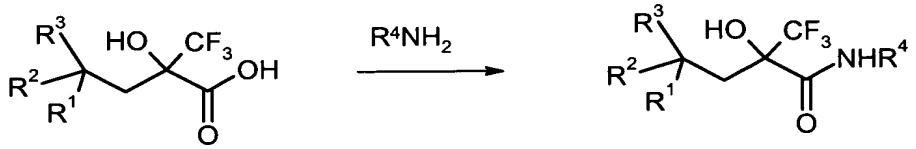
26. A method of making a compound of Formula (I) according to claim 1, said method comprising:

(a) hydrolyzing the ester group of the compound of Formula (II) to provide the compound of Formula (XI):



II XI ; and

(b) coupling the compound of Formula (XI) with the amine compound R^4NH_2 to provide the compound of Formula (I):



XI I ;

wherein R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are as defined in claim 1, and R' is methyl or ethyl.